

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2225**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Allen**

February 20, 2014

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An act to amend Section 47607.3 of the Education Code, relating to charter schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2225, as introduced, Allen. Charter schools: accountability: charter revocation.

Existing law establishes the public school system in this state, and, among other things, provides for the establishment of charter schools throughout the state. Existing law requires a chartering authority to consider for revocation a charter school that has not met specified public school accountability standards, in accordance with specified procedures, and requires a chartering authority to comply with the hearing process for revoking a charter. Existing law specifies that a charter school may not appeal a revocation of a charter pursuant to those provisions.

This bill would delete the provision prohibiting a charter school from appealing a revocation of a charter pursuant to those provisions. To the extent the bill imposes additional duties on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 47607.3 of the Education Code is  
2     amended to read:  
3     47607.3. (a) If a charter school fails to improve outcomes for  
4     three or more pupil subgroups identified pursuant to Section 52052,  
5     or, if the charter school has less than three pupil subgroups, all of  
6     the charter school's pupil subgroups, in regard to one or more state  
7     or school priority identified in the charter pursuant to subparagraph  
8     (A) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 47605 or  
9     subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section  
10    47605.6, in three out of four consecutive school years, all of the  
11    following shall apply:  
12    (1) Using an evaluation rubric adopted by the state board  
13    pursuant to Section 52064.5, the chartering authority shall provide  
14    technical assistance to the charter school.  
15    (2) The Superintendent may assign, at the request of the  
16    chartering authority and with the approval of the state board, the  
17    California Collaborative for Educational Excellence to provide  
18    advice and assistance to the charter school pursuant to Section  
19    52074.  
20    (b) A chartering authority shall consider for revocation any  
21    charter school to which the California Collaborative for Educational  
22    Excellence has provided advice and assistance pursuant to  
23    subdivision (a) and about which it has made either of the following  
24    findings, which shall be submitted to the chartering authority:  
25    (1) That the charter school has failed, or is unable, to implement  
26    the recommendations of the California Collaborative for  
27    Educational Excellence.  
28    (2) That the inadequate performance of the charter school, based  
29    upon an evaluation rubric adopted pursuant to Section 52064.5, is  
30    either so persistent or so acute as to require revocation of the  
31    charter.  
32    (c) The chartering authority shall consider increases in pupil  
33    academic achievement for all pupil subgroups served by the charter  
34    school as the most important factor in determining whether to  
35    revoke the charter.

1 (d) A chartering authority shall comply with the hearing process  
2 described in subdivision (e) of Section 47607 in revoking a charter.  
3 ~~A charter school may not appeal a revocation of a charter made~~  
4 ~~pursuant to this section.~~

5 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
6 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
7 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
8 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
9 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.